

CLAIMS

1. A system that displays the status of a motor vehicle child lock,
comprising:

5 a motor vehicle child lock;

a sensor that is adapted to detect when the child lock is engaged;

an indicator coupled to the sensor.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein the indicator includes a light.

10 3. The system of claim 1 wherein the indicator light is an LED.

4. The system of claim 1 wherein the indicator is a speaker.

15 5. The system of claim 1 is a mechanical indicator.

6. The system of claim 1 further comprising a computer system that is
adapted to record a sound, and play the sound on a speaker.

20 7. The system of claim 1 further comprising logic adapted to control the
indicator, the logic coupled between the indicator and the child lock.

8. The system of claim 1 further comprising a door lock coupled to the indicator, the indicator being a light that is embedded in the door lock.

5 9. The system of claim 1 wherein the indicator is located approximate to the lock that is controlled by the child lock.

10. A method of displaying the status of a motor vehicle child lock,
comprising:

detecting the status of a motor vehicle child lock system;

displaying an indication of the child lock system status.

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11. The method of claim 10 wherein displaying occurs in an area approximate
to a lock that is disengage able by the child lock system.

12 The method of claim 10 wherein displaying produces a light.

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13. The method of claim 12 wherein the light is red.

14. The method of claim 10 wherein displaying sounds an audible warning.

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15. The method of claim 10 wherein displaying provides a mechanical
indication.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein the mechanical indication is a word.

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17. The method of claim 14 wherein the audible warning is a verbal warning.